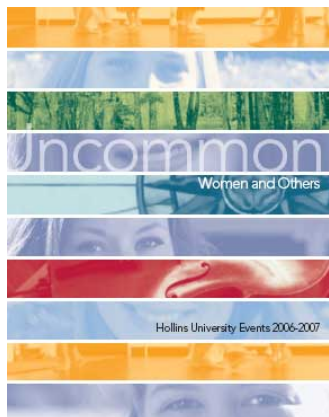


Hollins News Flash for September 2006

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CAMPUS

Uncommon Women and Others

Hollins affirms its 164-year commitment to educating remarkable women with a yearlong celebration of uncommon women and a salute to playwright Wendy Wasserstein, who died in 2006 of lymphoma.

Wasserstein, herself the product of a women's college, gave us the play *Uncommon Women and Others*, from which we take our theme. Our celebration includes theatre, art, music, dance, lectures, and readings. Visit www.hollins.edu/calendar for a complete schedule of events. Highlights:

- **Theatre:** *Uncommon Women and Others* November 10-12 and a Wendy Wasserstein symposium in February.
- **Lectures:** Dr. Jennifer Berman '86, internationally renowned expert in the field of female sexual medicine, at the Jefferson Center November 2.
- **Dance:** 14th Annual Fall Dance Gathering October 19-21.
- **Readings:** Lee Smith '67, literary luminary and author of the new novel *On Agate Hill*, April 2.
- **Music:** Florence Fowler Peacock '59, soprano, as part of the rededication of Presser Hall and Founder's Day February 22.
- **Art:** Suzanne Stryk examines genetics through the eye of a 19th century naturalist, through October 21; the carefully staged and witty photography of Sarah Hobbs through November 18; and the transformed rubber tires of Chakaia Booker through December 9.



Suzanne Stryk, *Genomes and Daily Observations, (Woodpecker)*, acrylic and stain on paper, 2004-06



President Gray

[Women's Colleges Op-Ed Piece by Hollins and Sweet Briar Presidents](#)

Hollins President Nancy Oliver Gray co-wrote an op-ed piece on the importance of women's colleges with Sweet Briar president Elisabeth Muhlenfeld. Read a PDF of the op-ed piece [here](#).

The op-ed piece was published in the September 13 issue of the *Lynchburg News & Advance*, the September 14 issue of the *Roanoke Times*, and the September 15 issue of the *Virginian-Pilot*, Norfolk, Virginia.



Tinker Mountain Preserved

Thanks to the financial support of three anonymous donors, Hollins has acquired acreage on Tinker Mountain in southern Botetourt County. At the same time, the Western Virginia Water Authority and Tinker Mountain residents Lee Hartman and John Brandemuehl have also bought adjoining property on the mountain. In all, approximately 235 acres were purchased from the George B. Lawson family for \$351,959, the largest tract of land to be sold on the mountain in nearly 60 years. The land includes much of the southern face of the mountain and the top one-third of the western side facing Hollins, the area most visible from the Roanoke Valley. The Water Authority's land will become part of the watershed for Carvins Cove, while Hollins, Hartman and Brandemuehl are working with the Western Virginia Land Trust to put a conservation easement on their portion of the property, thus preserving it in perpetuity for the public good.



Campus Improvements

This summer, Hollins enhanced the distinctive beauty of campus and facilities with a number of significant improvements.

- Extensive renovations to **Presser Hall** mean the home for music instruction now has state-of-the-art classrooms and studios as well as the latest instruments and electronic equipment.
- In partnership with Sodexo, Hollins' provider of [food](#) and [bookshop services](#), major changes were made to **the lower level of Moody Student Center**. The result is a new and inviting gathering place to shop, have coffee, watch TV, check e-mail, or just relax. (Visit the new [Hollins Bookshop Web site: http://hollinsbookshop.com](http://hollinsbookshop.com))
- **New sidewalks on Front Quad** make the center of campus more functional while preserving its historic integrity.



Environmental Advisory Board

Hollins has announced the creation of an Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) to provide advice and leadership on environmental planning for the university. The EAB will review and recommend policies to President Gray that advocate sustainable use of campus resources and preservation of cultural landscapes. Specifically they will promote environmentally responsible measures such as recycling, waste reduction, energy efficiency, the use of environmentally friendly products, and increased use of reusable/renewable resources. The EAB consists of three faculty members appointed by the President; two students named by the SGA Appointment Board; a designated representative of the President; staff members; and representative(s) from the Board of Trustees. The establishment of the EAB supports one of the four main hallmarks of the university's five-year strategic plan, Environmental and Community Sustainability.



Suarez

Intercultural Programs, Service Learning Restructured

The former departments of Intercultural Programs and Service Learning have been restructured into one new department of Cultural and Community Engagement. Under the leadership of Jeri Suarez, this new department more clearly defines Hollins' interest in being an inclusive, engaged community, and reflects the direction of the Hollins strategic plan to weave diversity throughout all we do. Many new projects are under way which will provide students with more opportunities to participate with both the campus and the local community.

STUDENTS/FACULTY

Library Staff Helps Rebuild New Orleans During ALA Conference

Three [Wyndham Robertson Library](#) staff members were among more than 900 library volunteers from around the country who helped with community projects and library rebuilding efforts during the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans this past June.



Ruelle

University Librarian Joan Ruelle, Cataloging and Technical Services Librarian Renee McBride, and Government Documents Coordinator Maryke Barber joined in the ALA's "Libraries Build Communities" initiative, which highlighted the first major conference in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina devastated the area. Over the course of two days of service organized by the ALA, library volunteers provided three-and-a-half years of labor hours to the recovery effort.

New Student Orientation a Success

This fall's orientation theme, "Hollins Celebrates..." highlighted new friendships, new adventures, new ideas, and new places. Hollins asked all incoming first-year students to read Barbara Kingsolver's book, *Prodigal Summer*, before arriving on campus. Students subsequently took part in lively, small group discussions led by faculty and staff. Other orientation events included a day of service and a whitewater rafting trip.



New Admissions Video

View beautiful campus images and hear stories from today's students in the brand-new admissions video: <http://www.hollins.edu/video/index.html>



Stanco

Elda Stanco, assistant professor of Spanish, is featured in the online interactive exhibit, *Imagining Ourselves: Global Voices from a New Generation of Women*, sponsored by the International Museum of Women in San Francisco, at www.imow.org. The exhibit is based on an anthology of the same name that was published last spring, with responses to the question, "What defines your generation of women?" Stanco's essay, "Of Voyages and Broken Borders," uses the term "multi-women" to describe her generation, noting that women who are "multicultural, multilingual, and multinational"

are increasingly becoming the norm rather than the exception.



Kaldas

Pauline Kaldas, assistant professor of English, co-edited *Dinarzad's Children: An Anthology of Contemporary Arab American Fiction* with Khaled Mattawa, which received the Silver Award for Anthologies in *ForeWord Magazine's* Book of the Year Contest. *ForeWord Magazine's* Book of the Year Award was established to bring increased attention from librarians and booksellers to the literary achievements of independent and university publishers and their authors. This year more than 1,500 titles were submitted in 55 fiction and nonfiction categories.

- ▶ Read [Student Accomplishments](#) and [Faculty Highlights](#).
- ▶ View [Student Artwork](#).

ALUMNAE/I



Compton

Ann Compton '69 received Hollins' Distinguished Alumnae Award on September 28, 2006. Compton's award-winning broadcast career was launched at Hollins with her junior year [internship](#) at television station WDBJ-7 in Roanoke. She was recently elected president of the White House Correspondents Association, and has been named to the National Radio Hall of Fame and the Journalism Hall of Fame. She joined ABC News in 1973 and has been assigned to the White House since 1974. On September 11, 2001, she was the only broadcast reporter permitted to remain onboard Air Force One during the dramatic hours following the terrorist attacks on our nation when President Bush was unable to return to Washington, D.C. for national security reasons.

To nominate an exemplary alumna for a Distinguished Alumnae Award, print out the [nomination form](#) (PDF) and return to Alumnae Relations.



Morgan

Elizabeth Seydel "Buffy" Morgan '60 was one of two recipients of the Carole Weinstein Prize in Poetry, which carries a \$10,000 prize. It is awarded annually to a central Virginia poet who has made significant and recent contributions to the art of poetry. Morgan is the author of three books including *On Long Mountain*, a finalist for the Library of Virginia Poetry Prize in 1998. Her next book of poems, *Without a Philosophy*, will be published by LSU Press in 2007. Morgan also won the Emily Clark Balch Award from *The Virginia Quarterly Review* for her fiction and the Governor's Award for Screenwriting at the Virginia Film Festival. She is also Hollins' 2007 [Louis D. Rubin Jr. Writer-in-Residence](#).



Penson

A story about **Cathy Hoar Penson's '69** "Garden of Small Wonders" ran in the *Lake Wylie* [S.C.] *Pilot* last summer. Penson's garden is beautiful, to be sure, but what makes it remarkable is that she created it after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. She and her husband, Duane, who built much of the garden, enjoy it for themselves, but they also welcome visitors, especially those with disabilities. Wide paths accommodate wheelchairs, and fountains and shade trees cool and soothe. "We've had church groups, garden clubs, lots of people. I think it's been good for my condition," Penson said.



[Hollins Desktop Wallpaper](#)

Hollins desktop wallpaper is now available for your computer! Go to: <http://www.hollins.edu/wallpaper/index.html>. You'll see instructions on how to set whatever image you choose as your computer's wallpaper (background).

[Send a Hollins E-Card](#)

E-mail your friends with a Hollins image at <http://www.hollins.edu/e-card/index.cfm>. These have recently been updated to include some wonderful historical photographs.



[Podcasts](#)

Listen to podcasts on the Hollins Web site! These audio podcasts can be downloaded to your iPod or listened to from your computer.

- [President Gray on the value of women's colleges](#) (mp3)
- [Poetry Reading](#) – by creative writing seniors Christine Bryant-Ryback and Elaine Briney. (mp3)

► Read [Alumnae Accomplishments here](#).

FUNDING

[1842 Society Holiday Weekend in New York: December 2-3, 2006](#)

Join President Nancy Oliver Gray and Hollins Trustees for a holiday weekend in the city. Highlights of the weekend include:

- **A Conversation with Ron Insana**, husband of Melinda Panella Insana '92, and a senior analyst for CNBC on the major stories of the day, political policy issues, and global economics.
- **Private tour of the exhibition** "Louis Comfort Tiffany and Laurelton Hall – An Artist's Country Estate" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art led by Nadia Hartman '05, who works at the Met.
- Cocktail party at the fabulous apartment of Julian and Josie Robertson overlooking Central Park. Josie and Julian, Wall Street investor and brother of Trustee **Wyndham Robertson '58**, have graciously invited us to their apartment again as they did for our first 1842 trip to New York in December 2001.
- [Registration form](#) (PDF)





Trustee Chair Lisa Long '72
with Robert T. Priddy

\$1 Million Gift to Support Capital Projects

Businessman and philanthropist Robert T. Priddy of Wichita Falls, Texas, has presented Hollins with a gift of \$1 million. The gift will establish The Priddy Challenge Grant Fund for Capital Improvements, which will support building and renovation projects and the maintenance of those endeavors.

Hollins will secure at least a one-to-one match to this gift to raise additional funds for capital projects. The \$1 million gift is just the latest example of Priddy's generosity towards Hollins. In 2002, Priddy and his brother Charles established the Swannanoa Horne Priddy Scholarship Fund in memory of their mother, a member of the Class of 1911. (The Priddy brothers' paternal grandmother, Lavinia Priddy, also attended Hollins as a member of the Class of 1867.) In May 2005, the Robert T. and Ruby T. Priddy Fund of the Communities Foundation of Texas, Inc., presented Hollins with a gift of \$1 million to renovate the university's dance studio and to help implement its five-year strategic plan. In April of this year, Hollins dedicated Swannanoa Hall, the new home of the English and creative writing department. Originally built in 1910, the building's extensive renovation was made possible by a \$1.27 million gift from Robert and Ruby Priddy.



One time giving opportunity

The [IRA Charitable Rollover Provision](#) of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 was signed into law recently, enabling donors age 70 ½ or older to exclude up to \$100,000 from their gross income for a taxable year for cash gifts directly to a qualified charity from their Individual Retirement accounts. This change is effective for 2006 and 2007 only.

The [IRA Charitable Rollover Provision](#) applies only to traditional and Roth IRAs – not other retirement plans, such as 401(K), 403(b) and annuities. The provision also excludes contributions to donor advised funds and supporting organizations. Please see your financial advisor for further details or contact Jayne Shaw, director of capital and planned giving, at jshaw@hollins.edu or (540) 362-6480.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Campus Events Calendar](#)

▶ [Art Exhibitions in the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum](#)

[Upcoming Alumnae Events](#)

October 3 – Charlotte, NC – Lee Smith '67 reading

October 5 – San Antonio, TX – Luncheon with President Gray

October 10 – Philadelphia, PA – Cocktail Reception with President Gray

October 11 – Wilmington, DE – Luncheon with President Gray

October 12 – Roanoke, VA – Reception with President Gray

October 18 – Roanoke, VA – Presentation of restored Beale Garden

October 22 – Nashville, TN – Reception with President Gray

▶ [Photos from alumnae events](#)

LINKS

- ▶ [Alumnae Web site](#)
- ▶ [Update your information](#)
- ▶ [Log in to Connect@Hollins](#)
- ▶ [Send your class news](#)
- ▶ [Give a gift online](#)
- ▶ [Send a Hollins E-Card](#)

QUAD QUOTE

“Hollins has always been characterized by a unique sense of place, and that sense of place – nestled at the foot of Tinker Mountain and surrounded on all sides by the vista of other mountains – has in turn helped to shape the educational experience of the women who have attended here.”– President Nancy Oliver Gray on Hollins’ purchase of part of Tinker Mountain.

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